News release

White Christmas still on the cards

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Met Office forecasters are predicting a dramatic spell of weather in the run-up to Christmas with very strong winds and heavy rain, potentially causing problems across travel networks. As colder weather then sweeps south across the UK through Christmas Eve, snow showers look set to affect many areas during Christmas with significant falls of snow in some parts of the country.

Much of Scotland, Northern Ireland, north-west England and Wales look likely to see a white Christmas, but anywhere could see snow on the big day itself. The Met Office confirmed yesterday that the official verification locations for a white Christmas are the Met Offices at London, Birmingham, Cardiff, Manchester, Aberdeen and Belfast.

Advice from the Met Office for people planning to travel over the next few days, is to check out the latest forecast and severe weather warnings. The Highways Agency, local authorities, motoring organisations and Network Rail will give advice on road and rail conditions.

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